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SUBJ: MALAYSIAN MINISTER PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MUSA HITAM VISIT
TO US INCLUDING NY AND WASHINGTON

1. OFFICE OF MINISTER PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MUSA HITAM
INFORMED EMBASSY AUG 14 THAT MUSA HITAM PLANNING
VISIT US FROM AUG 25 - SEPT 17. HIS SCHEDULE AS
FOLLOWS: ARRIVE NY (JFK) AUG 25 (MONDAY) AT 3:40 PM
FROM GENEVA VIA SR 100. OVERNIGHT AT WALDORF-ASTORIA.
DEPART NY AUG 26 AT 8:00 AM TO CHICAGO VIA AM 609
ARRIVING 9:18 AM. PURPOSE IS TO VISIT CHICAGO BOARD
OF TRADE AND COMMODITIES EXCHANGE AUTHORITY. DEPART
CHICAGO AUG 27 ARRIVE AKRON 1:58 PM TO VISIT MAJOR
SUBBER COMPANIES. DEPART AKRON AUG 28 BY CAR, PERSONAL
TRAVEL, TO NIAGARA AND SYRACUSE. ARRIVE NY AUG 20 (LA
GUARDIA) AT 10:34 VIA AA 536.

2. FROM SEPT 1 - 12, MUSA HITAM WILL ATTEND 7TH SS.
WHILE NOT YET ANNOUNCED, WE INFORMED TODAY THAT HE WILL
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HEAD MALAYSIA DEL AND WILL GIVE MAJOR SPEECH ON COM-

MODITIES (TIN AND RUBBER).

3. DURING PERIOD SPET 1 -12, MUSA HITAM WISHES SPEND ONE FULL DAY IN WASHINGTON. HE HAS MUCH IN MIND THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT THAT THE US WILL CONSIDER COM-MODITY ARRANGEMENTS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. DETER-MINATION OF SPECIFIC DAY TO BE THROUGH CONSULTATION BETWEEN MALAYSIAN EMBASSY, DEPARTMENT AND USUN. HE DESIRES CALLS ON ASST SEC HABIB, IBRD PRESIDENT MCNAMARA, APPROPRIATE SENIOR OFFICIAL IN TREASURY (GOM UNDER- STANDS THERE IS OPPOSITION IN TREASURY TO BUFFER STOCK SCHEMES), AND WOULD LIKE HOST LUNCHEON FOR AT LEAST FIVE INFLUENTIAL MEMBERS HOUSE AND SENATE. WHILE MALAYSIAN EMBASSY ATTEMPTING MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS, GOM WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE, PAR-TICULARLY IN ADVISING EMBASSY RE CONGRESSIONAL INVITEES. SINCE PURPOSE OF CALL ON HABIB IS TO EXPLAIN FIRST-HAND GOM INTENTIONS RE TIN AND RUBBER BUFFER STOCKS, IT IS, OF COURSE, DESIRABLE FOR EB AND PERHAPS IO TO ALSO ATTEND.

4. MUSA HITAM DEPARTS NY SEPT 13 TO SAN FRANCISCO. DEPARTS SF ON SEPT 17 TO TOKYO VIA JAL 001 AT 1:00 PM.

5. ACTION REQUESTED.

A. NY RECEPTION CENTER - PLEASE FACILITATE ARRIVAL OF THIS SENIOR MALAYSIAN OFFICIAL.

B. SF RECEPTION CENTER - PLEASE ASSIST IN DEPARTURE.

C. DEPARTMENT - IN ADDITION TO PARA 2 ABOVE, MIN-ISTER'S OFFICE REQUESTS ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING MEETING WITH COMMODITIES EXCHANGE AUTHORITY CHICAGO (PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN REGULATIONS).

6. COMMENT. PRIMARY PURPOSE OF WASH VISIT AND PRINCIPAL MALAYSIAN OBJECTIVE IN 7TH SS IS, OF COURSE, TO GAIN SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING OF GOM'S EFFORTS TO INCREASE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNATIONAL TIN AGREEMENT AND TO ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL NATURAL RUBBER PRICE STABILIZATION SCHEME. MALAYSIA WILL WORK WITH THOSE PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS (DC'S AND LDC'S) DIRECTLY IN-VOLVED IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVES. MALAYSIA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS, OF COURSE, A MEMBER OF THE NONALIGNED, AND CANNOT BE EXPECTED PUBLICLY TO OPPOSE THE MORE RADICAL POS-ITIONS TAKEN BY THAT GROUP. HOWEVER, SEVERAL SOURCES HAVE INDICATED THAT BECAUSE MALAYSIA IS A MODERATE, IT IS WILLING TO ATTEMPT TO MODERATE AND SOFTEN LANGUAGE AND POSITIONS IN NONPUBLIC SESSIONS SUCH AS WORKING GROUPS. IT WOULD SERVE OUR PURPOSES, THEREFORE, TO RECEIVE MUSA HITAM IN WASHINGTON SOONER RATHER THAN

LATER FOR THE PURPOSE OF INDICATING TO HIM WAY IN WHICH THE MALAYSIANS COULD PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE 7TH SS. ON HIS PART, APART FROM INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY TRADE, HIS GOVERNMENT WILL BE INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL FOOD NEEDS. TO A LESSER DEGREE, THE GOM IS INTERESTED IN TRANSFER OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES, BUT ONLY TO EXTENT THAT IT RELATES TO COMMODITY TRADE AND FOOD.

7. FYI: MUSA IS INTELLIGENT, ARTICULATE AND SOPHISTICATED. HE IS A BRIGHT STAR ON THE LOCAL POLITICAL SCENE; HAS REPRESENTED MALAYSIA IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA, AND COULD BE A PERSUASIVE SPOKESMAN FOR MODERATION IN GROUP OF 77.
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